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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Tanaka et al.

Application No.: 09/754,169

Filed: January 3, 2001

For: STORAGE SYSTEM

Examiner: Unassigned

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STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR §1.97 and
§1.98

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

The references cited on attached form PTO-1449 are being called to the
attention of the Examiner. Copies of the references are enclosed. It is respectfully requested
that the cited references be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and
the references be made of record therein and appear among the "references cited" on any
patent to issue therefrom.

As provided for by 37 CFR 1.97(g) and (h), no inference should be made that
the information and references cited are prior art merely because they are in this statement and
no representation is being made that a search has been conducted or that this statement
encompasses all the possible relevant information.

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Applicant believes that <u>no fee is required</u> for submission of this statement, since it is being submitted prior to the first Office Action. However, if a fee is required, the Commissioner is authorized to deduct such fee from the undersigned's Deposit Account No. 20-1430. Please deduct any additional fees from, or credit any overpayment to, the above-noted Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,

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